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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 32ND UNGA -- POSSIBLE CORE GROUP MEETING,
INDICATIONS OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS

REF: A. USUN 1602; B. USUN 1601; C. USUN 1474 (NOTAL);
D. STATE 130459; E. USUN 1496

1. SUMMARY: ROK OBSERVER OFFICE CONTACTING CORE GROUP MISSION
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING CORE GROUP MEETING ON OR ABOUT
JUNE 16. INDICATIONS CONTINUE THAT NORTH KOREANS MAY BE UN-
DECIDED REGARDING THEIR APPROACH TO KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND
UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. PURSUANT CONCLUSION REACHED AT MAY 18 CORE GROUP MEETING
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(REF A), ROK OBSERVER OFFICE CONSULTING CORE GROUP MEMBER
MISSIONS REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF CORE GROUP MEETING ON OR
ABOUT JUNE 16.

3. INDICATIONS CONTINUE TO BE THAT NORTH KOREANS MAY BE
UNDECIDED REGARDING THEIR APPROACH TO KOREAN QUESTION AT
32ND UNGA:

(A) ACCORDING ROK OBSERVER OFFICE, SEOUL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM REPORT FROM KATHMANDU, ATTRIBUTED TO REMARKS THERE BY NORTH KOREA'S AMBASSADOR THERE, THAT PYONGYANG CLEARLY INTENDED TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION AT UNGA THIS YEAR (REF A). IN THIS CONNECTION, ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HAS COMMENTED TO US THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADORS RETURNING FROM PYONGYANG TO COLOMBO AND NEW DELHI ARE UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN HOST CAPITALS THAT PYONGYANG HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT TO DO.

((B) ACCORDING UK MISSION, WHEN AMBASSADOR RICHARD RECIEVED CHINA'S NEW PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE CHEN CHU ON MAY 18, RICHARD ASKED CHEN CHU ABOUT KOREA. CHEN CHU REPLIED THAT WHEN HE DEPARTED PEKING IN EARLY MAY, THERE WAS NO WORD FROM PYONGYANG AS TO ITS POSITION REGARDING KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA. (THIS INFORMATION QUITE CONSISTENT WITH REPORT IN REF B)

(C) SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIAN REPRESENTATIVES TELL US THEY ARE UNAWARE OF NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY REGARDING KOREAN QUESTION AT 32ND UNGA.

(D) ROK OBSERVER OFFICE REPORTS THAT ROK DELEGATION TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE EXPERIENCED NO PROBLEM AND WAS UNAWARE OF ANY UNUSUAL LEVEL OF NORTH KOREAN LOBBYING ACTIVITY. ROK DELEGATION NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TWO MEMBERS OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN MAPUTO MOVED INTO HOTEL WHERE SOUTH KOREANS WERE STOPPING. DURING CONFERENCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HEAD OF ROK DELEGATION KIM SUBMITTED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM SEOUL TO CONFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, KIM HAD REPORTEDLY CORDIAL IF INCONCLUSIVE CONVERSATION AT A RECEPTION WITH MOZAMBIQUE'S FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO IN WHICH KIM SPOKE OF DESIRE TO PROMOTE ROK-MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS.

(E) AMERICAN UN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL HAS LEARNED FROM A ROMANIAN COLLEAUGE THAT NORTH KOREANS IN NEW YORK ARE MUCH INTERESTED IN US INTENTIONS REGARDING KOREAN QUESTION AT 32 UNGA. AMERICAN OFFICIAL TOLD US HE REPLIED TO ROMANIAN THAT IF SAFE TO ASSUME US CONTINUES TO FAVOR NON-CONFRONTATION ON KOREA AT UNGA.

(F) ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HAS TOLD US THAT ROK-YUGOSLAV CULTURAL AND COMMERICAL CONTACTS ARE GROWING. IN THIS REGARD, ROK MISOFFS HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT PRESIDENT TITO'S SCHEDULED TRIP TO MOSCOW, PEKING AND PYONGYANG IN AUGUST MIGHT PROVIDE TITO OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY MODERATOR'S ROLE ON KOREAN QUESTION. WHEN WE NOTED MOST INFORMALLY TO YUGOSLAV

MISOFF ON JUNE 9 THAT TRIP OFFERED TITO CHANCE TO RESOLVE
THE KOREAN QUESTION, YUGOSLAV OFFICER SUGGESTED "THIS ONE
TOO COMPLICATED." WE THEN SUGGESTED THAT TITO MIGHT USEFULLY
ENCOURAGE ALL THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO COME
TOGETHER FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE AS PROPOSED BY US.
YOGOSLAV THEN NODDED THOUGHTFULLY.

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(G ROK OFFICERS HAVE OBSERVED TO US THAT KIM IL
SUNG HAS DESCRIBED 1977 AS A YEAR OF PREPARATION FOR THE
DPRK'S NEW SEVEN-YEAR PLAN. ("YOMIURI SHIMBUN" INTERVIEW
(REF E).) ACCORDINGLY, IT CONCEIVABLE THAT NORTH KOREANS
ARE CONCENTRATING ON PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND
MAY BE AVOIDING ACTIONS LIKELY TO WORSEN CLIMATE FOR
FOREIGN LOANS. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HAS PROVIDED US WITH
FOLLOWING ESTIMATE ("PREPARED BY KCIA") OF NORTH KOREA'S
FOREIGN DEPTS AS OF DECEMBER 1976:

"COUNTRY	FOREIGN DEBT(MILLION US DOLLARS)
USSR	900
JAPAN	360
FRG	120

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AUSTRIA	80
SWEDEN	110
MULTILATERAL	220
OTHERS	260

TOTAL 2,170

(H) ADDITIONALLY, ROK OBSERVER OFFICE HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING "UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION OF RECENT NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES ABROAD TO NEGOTIATE FOREIGN LOANS":

"I. NORTH KOREA ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE FOREIGN LOANS THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF "ASSO TRADE", A FINANCIAL FIRM BASED IN SINGAPORE:

A. 1ST ATTEMPT ON 9 MARCH 1977 FOR A LOAN OF US\$ 1 BILLION. (TERM OF REPAYMENT: 15 YEARS, ANNUAL INTEREST RATE: 8.8PERCENT)

B. 2ND ATTEMPT ON 2 APRIL 1977 FOR A LOAN OF US\$ 600 MILLION (TERM OF REPAYMENT: 10 YEARS, ANNUAL INTEREST: 5.75 PERCENT)

C. 3RD ATTEMPT ON 20 APRIL 1977 FOR LOAN OF US\$ 2 BILLION (US\$ 1 BILLION FROM CANADA AND US RESPECTIVELY)

II. NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE LIBYAN ARAB FOREIGN BANK AND NORTH KOREA WAS UNDER WAY AS OF THE END OF APRIL 1, 1977 FOR A LOAN OF US\$ 10 MILLION (TERM OF REPAYMENT: 10 YEARS) THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF A BROKER NAMED "KOTELAWALA", AN ENGLISH PERSON."

3. NEXT CORE GROUP MEETING MIGHT INCLUDE ON AGENDA
(A) EVOLVING COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AT 32ND
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UNGA;

(B) IF AUTHORIZED, US BRIEFING ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL (REF D);

(C) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TO UPDATE INDICATIONS AVAILABLE OF NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS.

IN LATTER CONNECTION, TO AVOID POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF SOURCE,
WE WOULD PROPOS OMITTING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ROMANIAN
APPROACH TO AMERICAN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL REGARDING US
POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 32 UNGS.

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